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REGION 5

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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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VIA FACSIMILE (312) 755-2750
AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Kevin Augustyn
River East
455 East Illinois, Suite 565
Chicago, Illinois 60611

RE: Parking around Kraft Building

Dear Mr. Augustyn:

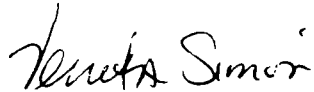
On or about September 26, 2000, U.S. EPA conducted a radiation walkover survey of the parking lots immediately east, north, and west of the Kraft Building to determine whether there were any elevated radiation readings at the surface that might indicate the presence of subsurface radioactive materials. There were two locations that we encountered elevated readings. The first location was along the centerline of the street Peshtigo Court, which is immediately east of the Kraft building. The other location was the north side of the west parking lot (towards Grand Avenue).

Count rates for the west parking lot ranged from about 2,000 counts per 30 seconds to 58,495 counts per 30 seconds. We were not able to conduct a walk-over survey for Peshtigo Court because of the difficulty of making these measurements in traffic. At this time we are not able to determine if the elevated readings at these locations are due to radioactive contamination or are due to natural radioactive materials. Until this uncertainty is resolved, we have requested the City Department of Transportation to add Peshtigo Court to the Right-of-Way Agreement that requires radiological surveillance and proper health and safety precautions whenever intrusive work is conducted in designated rights-of-ways.

Following our walk-over survey, representatives of River East including STS Consultants, Ltd., told us that development of the property was in the planning stages and that River East would submit a work plan to further characterize this anomaly. Please advise U.S. EPA of the date by which you intend to submit this characterization work plan.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (312) 886-3601, or Fred Micke, On-Scene Coordinator, at (312) 886-5123, or Larry Jensen, Health Physicist, at (312) 886-5026. Please direct any legal questions to Mary Fulghum, Associate Regional Counsel, at (312) 886-4683.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Verneta Simon".

Verneta Simon
On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Naren Prasad, Chicago of Chicago - Department of Environment
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